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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was unseasonably cold until the last day when temperatures rose to a little above normal. Hard freezing occurred on several days. Light to moderate snow fell over some of the southwestern and extreme western portions of the State, and heavy in the northeast, but there was no precipitation of consequence elsewhere.

March was considerably colder than normal and was about 10° colder than February over the north-central portion of the State to about 5° colder in the southeast. Precipitation averaged near normal for the State as a whole but the distribution was very bad. Heavy precipitation, mostly in the form of snow, fell over the Panhandle and the northern portion of the State, but the month was very dry over most of the region to the south of the Platte River. Strong winds raised considerable dust over the southwest on several days.

CROPS The past week was unfavorable for winter wheat in the southern two tiers of counties but very favorable in the Panhandle. The deterioration was quite severe in a few of the southern counties but this was offset by improvement in the balance of the State.

The snow that fell last week was quite heavy in the Panhandle and it remained on the ground without drifting. In southwestern Nebraska, Keith, Perkins and Chase counties, wheat is in much better condition than in the other counties in this district. The damage was quite severe in the remaining counties of this district and considerable of the wheat is being abandoned. Wheat is also spotted in central Nebraska and needs moisture badly. Southeastern Nebraska wheat is in better condition but is also somewhat spotted with some damage from wind and needs moisture badly.

Cold weather and snow in the northern portions prevented farm field work during the past week. The northern half of the State received more than normal precipitation during March. The soil has been too wet and cold for field operations and very little spring grain has been sown in the northern half of the State.

While 41 percent of the oats have been seeded, most of this seeding is in the southern half of the State. Reports also indicate that 41 percent of the barley had been sown by the close of the past week. The farmers in northeastern Nebraska are eager to seed their spring small grain this week if the soil is dry enough. Cool moist conditions have delayed seeding of spring wheat in northwestern Nebraska.

Reports on the farm labor supply vary considerably. It appears that good farm hands who are permanent are in demand. The North Platte Valley still has a considerable supply of potatoes available for sale that are selling all the way from 15¢ to 45¢ per hundred pounds to the farmer.

Some counties report alfalfa, hay and pasture greening up but in other counties there is very little evidence of growth yet. March weather, including the past week, has been a little too cool in the northern part of the State. In southern Nebraska the moisture supply has been too short.

LIVESTOCK Some further losses of calves were reported in northern Nebraska. Calving is well along. There were also some losses of pigs but in general the pig crops have been favorable. Most of Nebraska will have a surplus of hay but local areas in some southern counties are short. Pasture has been slow in starting due largely to cold weather in northern portions and lack of moisture in southern portions of the State.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1954

Eastern Division

Grand Island .03  
Lincoln .02  
Norfolk .03  
Omaha 0  
Sioux City .02

Central Division

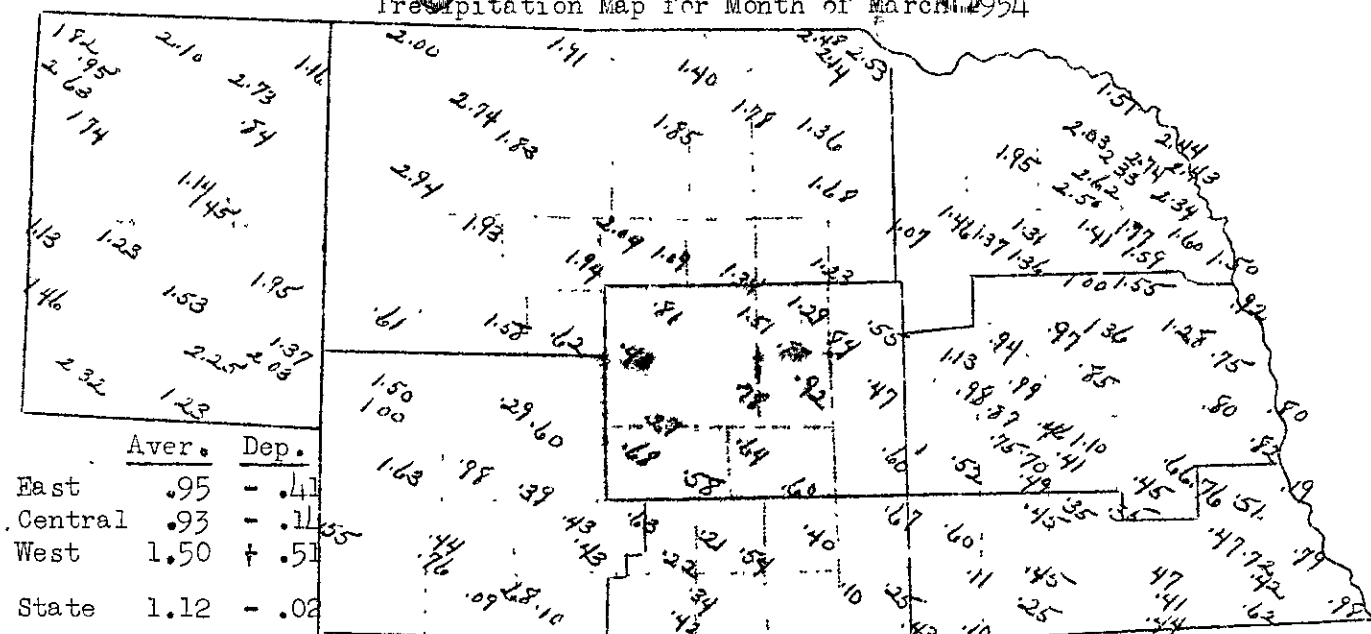
Burwell 0  
Lexington .12  
North Platte .13  
Valentine 0

Western Division

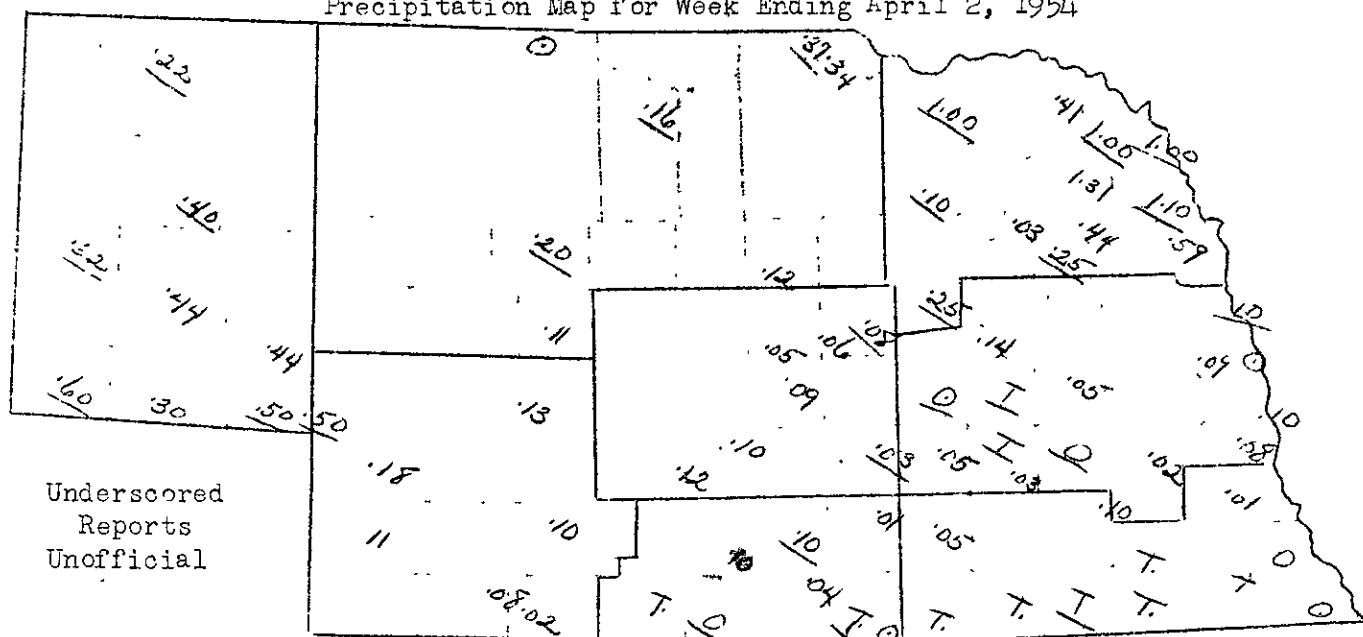
Chadron .06  
Imperial .09  
Scottsbluff .32  
Sidney .17

1500  
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Precipitation Map for Month of March, 1954



Precipitation Map for Week Ending April 2, 1954



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (Max. for preceding 24 hours, Min. for preceding night)

		March				April									
		30th		31st		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	24	16	19	1	38	27	57	23	33	23	68	41	73	49
	Scottsbluff	27	11	22	9	33	19	53	33	56	26	72	34	75	44
	Sidney	23	15	21	- 6	31	20	53	34	63	22	72	35	74	41
N-C	Burwell	--	--	--	--	40	26	58	27	47	18	43	27	74	43
	Valentine	24	18	24	14	--	--	53	24	33	14	--	--	72	48
NE	Norfolk	21	16	30	12	39	25	53	28	40	18	37	24	65	32
	Sioux City	--	--	34	12	36	21	51	30	37	18	--	--	58	34
CEN.	Grand Island	21	18	32	18	43	31	63	36	57	18	43	25	71	37
	Lexington	26	18	30	11	43	28	62	31	65	18	45	24	73	33
E-C	Lincoln	23	20	34	20	46	31	66	38	58	20	42	25	64	37
	Omaha	24	18	35	21	45	30	64	33	55	21	41	26	62	30
SW	Imperial	30	18	27	5	44	25	62	33	69	20	54	23	74	36
	North Platte	25	15	26	12	42	25	60	28	60	20	46	27	74	38

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